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Industries Polluting Ganga River
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed for closure of industries including tanneries in 118 towns along Ganga river under its cleaning campaign;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) the reasons for not cleaning the river so far despite huge expenditure of hundreds of crores of rupees on the job; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) &(b) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has identified a total of 764 Grossly Polluting Industries (industry discharging more than pollution load of BOD 100kg per day) along the entire stretch of river Ganga and its tributaries.
From December 2015 to January 2017, 573 inspections have been carried out by CPCB covering 302 GPIs. 141 units were found to be complying with stipulated norms, 96 were found non-complying and 65 were found closed. Closure directions were issued to 45 non-complying units, show cause notices to 37 and letters to 14 non-complying units.

(c) & (d) Conservation & cleaning of river Ganga is a continuous & collective effort of Central Government, State Governments, Local bodies and general public.
Under Namami Gange Programme a holistic approach has been adopted to clean the river Ganga. The various types of pollution abatement schemes taken up to clean Ganga may be categorized into core and non-core schemes. Core schemes include Interception and Diversion (I&D) of sewage discharging into the Ganga and creating treatment infrastructure to treat the intercepted sewage. Non-Core schemes include providing Low Cost Sanitation (LCS) at community and individual levels at identified locations, installation of Crematoria (electric as well as wood based improved crematoria), River Front Development (RFD) including bathing ghats, river surface cleaning, afforestation, protecting biodiversity and creating public awareness and participation.

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